

Application No. 10/032,494

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### REMARKS

This Amendment cancels claims 24, 30 to 37, 54 and 57 to 61 without prejudice or disclaimer.

Claims 1 to 23, 25 to 29, 38 to 53 and 55 to 56 are pending.

Claims 24 and 54 were indicated to be allowable "if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims."

Claim 1 has been rewritten to be the same as claim 24 in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim (claim 1) and any intervening claims (none). Claim 1 should be allowable. Claims 2 to 23 and 25 to 29 depend from rewritten claim 1 and should be allowable for the same reasons as claim 1.

Claim 38 has been rewritten to be the same as claim 54 in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim (claim 38) and any intervening claims (none). Claim 38 should be allowable. Claims 39 to 53, 55 and 56 depend from rewritten claim 38 and should be allowable for the same reasons as claim 38.

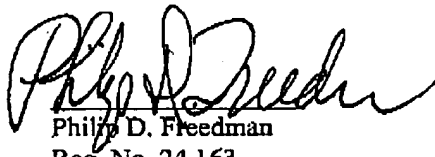
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In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, it is respectfully submitted that claims 1 to 23, 25 to 29, 38 to 53 and 55 to 56 are allowable. Reconsideration and allowance are requested.

Should the Examiner believe that any further action is desirable order to place this application in even better condition for allowance, he is requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below. -

Respectfully submitted,



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